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Sample Questions

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When do you feel safe to be your truest self?
What does thriving mean to you?
What is most meaningful to you right now?
What meaningful relationships do you have at Evangel and how did those relationships form?
What cultural connection do you have with others on campus?
What are you desires and how are you working towards those today?
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Do you feel encouraged to express your identity at Evangel?

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Date 9/21
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APPLICATION FOR PROJECT APPROVAL

RRB # 2016-033
(to be assigned by the RRB)

1. Name of investigator Celia Duncan

2. Department affiliation Enrollment Management

3. University mailing address Riggs 203 K

4. Phone number(s): Campus 417-865-2815 ext. 7651 Home 417-350-5529

5. Name of faculty member responsible for project N/A

6. Classification of investigator and nature of activity. (Check all appropriate categories.)
   _X_ Faculty or staff of Evangel University
   ___ Project to be submitted for external funding: Agency
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   _X_ Project unfunded
   ___ Other
   ___ Student at Evangel University or _X_ non-Evangel University Investigators
      _X_ Graduate ___ Undergraduate ___ Special
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7. Title of investigation __Where All Can Thrive: Tools for Sustaining Inclusive Communities

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And

I am familiar with the published guidelines for the ethical treatment of participants associated with my particular field of study (e.g., as published by the American Psychological Association, American Sociological Association, American Biological Association, etc.).

Signature **Celia Duncan**

First Investigator

Date **March 31, 2016**

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Faculty Supervisor

Date

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Second Investigator

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Third Investigator

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9. **Please answer the following questions with regard to the research activity proposed:**

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   Yes  
   No

b. payment of subjects for participation?  
   Yes  
   No

c. access to subjects through a cooperating institution?  
   Yes  
   No

d. substances taken internally by or applied externally to subjects?  
   Yes  
   No

e. mechanical or electrical devices (e.g. electrodes) applied to the subjects?  
   Yes  
   No

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   Yes  
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   _10-15_
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Research project approved \[\checkmark\] Yes ___ No

Chair, Research Review Board

Other Signatures if Required by the Committee

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